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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FORWARDING TELEPHONE CALLS TOWARDS A CELLULAR PHONE

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Please that there are two examiner's admendments, one to the title the other to the claims. The applicant approved the admendment to the claims, however has not yet approved admendment to the title.

Begin Examiner's Amendment to Title:

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Title is amended as follows: Method and System for forwarding telephone calls towards a cellular phone Call Forwarding Between a Wireless Switching Apparatus and a Fixed Telephony Network Using a Virtual Number.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Longo (Reg. No. 53,235) on February 23, 2010.

Claim Amendments:

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

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23. (Currently Amended) A method of forwarding a telephone call from a caller

intended to be directed to a first, fixed, telephony number toward a second, mobile,

telephony number in order to render an intended responder associated with the second

telephony number reachable at a mobile phone instead of a fixed telephone,

comprising:

having the caller place a call to a virtual mobile telephony number associated

with the first telephony number;

receiving the call at a mobile telephony network switching apparatus of a mobile

telephony network:

upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus of the

mobile telephony network, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony

number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile

telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number;

receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated

with the first telephony number;

conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the

second telephony number is enabled,

identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number;

extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number

using the feature code; and

routing the call from the <u>fixed telephony network</u> switching apparatus <u>to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using</u> the <u>extracted</u> second telephony number; and

if the responder accepts, terminating the call from the caller at the second telephony number instead of at the first telephony number, so as to establish a direct telephone call between the caller and the responder.

- 24. (Cancelled)
- 25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, further comprising: having the call forwarding enabled at an apparatus associated with the first telephony number.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 25, further comprising: conditioned to the fact that the call forwarding is not enabled and that the incoming call is answered at the first telephony number, terminating the call thereat and establishing a direct telephone call between the caller and the first telephony number.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 26, further comprising: in case the call is not answered at the first telephony number, determining the second telephony number and enabling said call forwarding.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, further comprising: after the enabling of said call forwarding, dropping a call section from the switching apparatus to the first telephony number, while keeping the call from the caller on hold at said switching apparatus.

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29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein said first

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telephony number corresponds to a PBX network having a plurality of extensions.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein said first

telephony number includes a number of a PBX network switchboard.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, comprising

receiving the call at the PBX switchboard, forwarding the call to an intended PBX

network extension and, in case the call is not answered, providing the second telephony

number to a switching apparatus control controlling the switching apparatus.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein said first

telephony number comprises at least one PBX Direct Inward Dial number

corresponding to one of the extensions of the PBX network.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein said

virtual mobile telephony number associated with the first telephony number comprises

at least one virtual mobile telephony number associated with said one extension of the

PBX network.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 23, wherein said

virtual mobile telephony number associated with the first telephony number is a

combination of the first telephony number and an identifying code or a prefix code.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a switching apparatus of a

mobile telephony network in order to forward a telephone call from a caller intended to

be directed to a first, fixed, telephony number toward a second, mobile, telephony

number so as to render an intended responder associated with the second telephony number reachable at a mobile phone instead of a fixed telephone, comprising:

associating a virtual mobile telephony number with the first telephony number;

receiving a call placed to the virtual mobile telephony number at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus;

upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call from the caller to the first telephony number;

receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number;

conditioned on the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled,

identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number;

extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and

routing the call from the <u>fixed telephony network</u> switching center apparatus to <u>the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using</u> the extracted second telephony number; and

provided that the responder accepts, terminating the call from the caller at the second telephony number instead of at the first telephony number, so as to establish a direct telephone call between the caller and the responder.

- 36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, further comprising: if the call from the caller is answered at the first telephony number, terminating the call thereat so as to establish a direct telephone call between the caller and the first telephony number.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, further comprising: receiving information apt to determine said second telephony number from an apparatus associated with said first telephony number, and causing the call from the caller to be routed thereto.
- 38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 37, further comprising: after said receiving information apt to determine the second telephony number, dropping a call section from the switching center to the first telephony number, while keeping the call from the caller on hold.
- 39. (Currently Amended) In a telephone communications system comprising a fixed telephony network and a mobile telephony network, a system for forwarding a telephone call from a caller intended to be directed to a first, fixed, telephony number toward a second, mobile, telephony number in order to render an intended responder associated with the second telephony number reachable at a mobile phone instead of a fixed telephone, comprising:
- a database associating a virtual mobile telephony number with the first telephony number; and
- a call transport layer of the mobile telephony network adapted to:
 receive a call placed to the virtual mobile telephony number at the call transport layer;

identify the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number;

route the call to the first telephony number <u>at the fixed telephony network</u> upon receiving the call at the call transport layer;

in case a call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled:

identify a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number;

extract the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and

route the call to <u>from the fixed telephone network to</u> the <u>call transport layer using</u>

<u>the extracted</u> second telephony number in <u>case a call forwarding from the first</u>

<u>telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled</u>; and

if the responder accepts, terminate the call from the caller at the second telephony number instead of at the first telephony number, so as to establish a direct telephone call between the caller and the responder.

- 40. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 39, wherein said first telephony number is a number of a PBX network having a plurality of extensions.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 40, wherein said first telephony number includes a number of a PBX network switchboard.

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42. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 40, wherein said first

telephony number comprises at least one PBX Direct Inward Dial number

corresponding to one of the extensions of the PBX network.

43. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 40, wherein said

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virtual mobile telephony number associated with the first mobile telephony number

comprises at least one virtual mobile telephony number associated with said one

extension of the PBX network.

44. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 39, wherein said

virtual mobile telephony number associated with the first mobile telephony number is a

combination of the first telephony number and an identifying code, particularly a prefix

code.

End Examiner's Amendment To the Claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 23, 25-44 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

4. The applicant discloses a method of forwarding a telephone call from a caller

intended to be directed to a first, fixed, telephony number toward a second, mobile,

telephony number in order to render an intended responder associated with the second

telephony number reachable at a mobile phone instead of a fixed telephone,

comprising: having the caller place a call to a virtual mobile telephony number

associated with the first telephony number; receiving the call at a mobile telephony

network switching apparatus; upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number; receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number; conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled, identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number; extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and routing the call from the fixed telephony network switching apparatus to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using the extracted second telephony number; and if the responder accepts, terminating the call from the caller at the second telephony number instead of at the first telephony number, so as to establish a direct telephone call between the caller and the responder.

- 5. The prior art of record, Sjodin et al (US 5,995,843), discloses a system where an a user dials a virtual number (WOS number) intended for a wireless device is received at a wireless switching apparatus and based on the calling feature derived from the called number the phone call is forwarded to both a mobile device and wired device.
- 6. Sjodin et al fails to teach upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number; receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number;

conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled, identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number; extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and routing the call from the fixed telephony network switching apparatus to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using the extracted second telephony number.

- 7. The prior art made of record, Ginter (5,579,375) discloses a process of call forwarding a call received at a mobile switching network sequentially to a plurality of forwarding numbers.
- 8. Ginter fails to teach receiving the call at a mobile telephony network switching apparatus; upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number; receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number; conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled, identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number; extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and routing the call from the fixed telephony network switching apparatus to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using the extracted second telephony number.

- 9. The prior art of record, Ahlberg et al (US 5,600,704) discloses a call forwarding system where a call is received at a mobile switching center and the routed to a forwarding number, the number maybe a fixed number or maybe a mobile number, the decision is made based on a dynamically set priority.
- 10. Ahlberg fails to teach upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number; receiving the call at a fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number; conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled, identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number; extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and routing the call from the fixed telephony network switching apparatus to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using the extracted second telephony number.
- 11. The prior art of record, Blust et al (US 5,544,227) discloses a cellular system integrated with a wired private branch exchange, where calls are routed from the MTSO of the cellular system to the wired private branch exchange.
- 12. Blust et al fails to teach upon receiving, at the mobile telephony network switching apparatus, the call from the caller to the virtual mobile telephony number, identifying the first telephony number associated with the virtual mobile telephony number, and first routing the call to the first telephony number; receiving the call at a

fixed telephony network switching apparatus associated with the first telephony number; conditioned by the fact that call forwarding from the first telephony number to the second telephony number is enabled, identifying a feature code associated with the virtual mobile phone number; extracting the second telephony number from the virtual mobile phone number using the feature code; and routing the call from the fixed telephony network switching apparatus to the mobile telephony network switching apparatus using the extracted second telephony number.

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Conclusion

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